

# CLASSICAL SYRIA

*Study Tour from April 30 to May 7*

***Damascus - Bosra - Palmyra - Krak - Aleppo***

Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Medieval, early Christian, Jewish, Armenian and Islamic vestiges in an Eastern Mediterranean country characterised by a variety of cultural influences

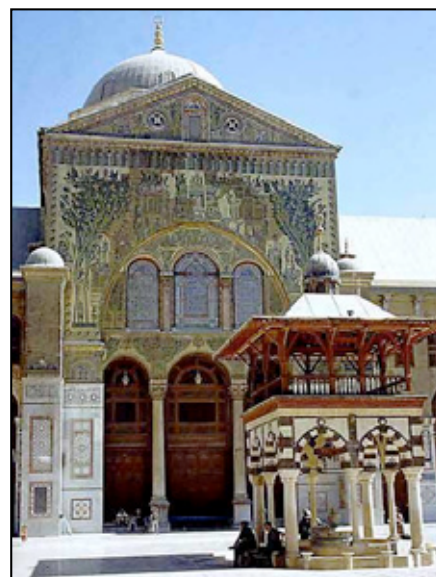
## **Day 1: Friday 30 April 2010: Arrival to Damascus**

Arrival at Damascus Airport; transfer to Damascus of participants arriving to Beirut may be arranged.

Meet and assist. Transfer to hotel.

First contact with the town.

Dinner & Overnight at **Cham Palace Hotel 5\***.



## **Day 2: Saturday 01 May 2010: Damascus**

Full day visit to Damascus: the National Museum. Takiyah Suleimaniah. The Umayyad Mosque. The Azem Palace. Saladin Mausoleum. The Old Bazaars.

Lunch at typical restaurant during visits.

The Via Recta. St Paul. St Ananias.

Dinner at typical Restaurant in Damascus.

Overnight at the **Cham Palace Hotel**.



## **Day 3: Saturday 01 May 2010:**

**Damascus / Chahba/ Bosra / Damascus (280 km)**

Excursion to the southern region of Syria.

Visit Chahba & its Mosaic Museum.

Continue to Bosra: Lunch at Bosra Cham Palace.

Visit the Amphitheater.

Return to Damascus.

Dinner & overnight at **Cham Palace Hotel**.



## **Day 4: Monday 03 May 2010:**

**Damascus / Maaloula / Palmyra (240 km)**

Departure to visit the Convents of Maaloula.

Proceed to Palmyra.

Lunch at Zenobia Cham Palace.

PM Visit the Great Colonnade.

Panorama over the ruins from *Qala'at Ibn Maan* hill.

Dinner & overnight at **Semiramis Hotel 5\***.



**Day 5: Tuesday 04 May 2010:  
Palmyra/ Krak des Chevaliers / Hama (300)**

Continue visit of Palmyra: the Valley of the Tombs, the Temple of Bel.

Departure for the Krak des Chevaliers.

Lunch by the Krak. Visit of the famous citadel which T.E.Lawrence *defined the most beautiful citadel in the world*. Drive to Hama.

Dinner & overnight at the **Apamea Cham Palace 5\***.



**Day 6 : Wednesday 05 May 2010:  
Hama / Apamea /Serjillah /Aleppo (150 km)**

AM stop by the Norias in Hama.

Drive to Visit the site of Apamea,

Lunch at Local restaurant in Maaret Al-Nouman.

Visit the ‘dead city’ of Serjillah.

Visit the bizantyne site of Qalb Lozeh. Proceed to Aleppo.

Dinner & Overnight at **Sheraton Hotel 5\***.



**Day 7: Thursday 06 May 2010:  
Aleppo / St. Simeon/ Aleppo.**

Excursion to St. Simeon Monastery.

Return to Aleppo.

Visit to the citadel. Visit the bazaars.

Lunch at typical restaurant during visits.

PM visit to the Great Mosque. Jdaydeh Qaurter.

Dinner & Overnight at **Sheraton Hotel**.



**Day 8 : Friday 07 May 2010:  
Aleppo / Departure / Return to Damascus**

Transfer to Aleppo airport for the departure.

Assistance with formalities.

Return to Damascus (355 km).

End of our services.

Additional day may be arranged as an option.



### Cost per person

Double room: 900 euro

Single room suppl.: 250 euro

Accommodation in 5 star hotels,

Full board, meals include mineral water. Food in Syria is delicious with dishes inspired to the Libanese, Greek or Turkish cuisine. Meals will follow the local tradition with several *meze*.

Transfer from/to the airport in Damascus and Aleppo.

Private bus with wc, entrance tickets and local guide.

This programme may be slightly changed according to traffic conditions or other.

**No insurance is provided as part of this fee.**



### Notes

The visa should be obtained in the country of residence.

The passport should not have any Israeli visa or stamp.

### To register

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